



Meeting to Discuss EPA Plans for the Eighteen Mile Creek

Community Update

May 2013

Eighteen Mile Creek Site Public information Session on June 5, 2013

- A public information session will be held on June 5, 2013 to discuss EPA's plans for investigation and cleanup activities at the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site. This meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Training Center at the Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, New York 14094.

EPA Approach for Site

Site investigation and clean up will be performed in three different actions:

Action 1: Contaminated Residential Properties in the Creek Corridor.

Action 2: Contaminated Industrial and Commercial properties in the Creek Corridor

Action 3: Contaminated sediment in the Creek from Lockport to the Creek discharge to Lake Ontario.

Public Meeting on June 5

Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public informational session on June 5, 2013, to discuss EPA's plans for investigating and remediating the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site.

Site Description

The start of the Eighteen Mile Creek consists of an East and West Branch which begin immediately north of the New York State Barge Canal. The branches merge to form the main body of the Creek at the Clinton Street Bridge in Lockport, New York. The Creek flows north for approximately 15 miles and discharges to Lake Ontario in Olcott, New York.

Site History

On June 30, 2011, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) referred the site to the EPA for inclusion on the federal National Priorities List (NPL) of hazardous waste sites. The NYSDEC based its referral on studies of several properties and of the Creek in Lockport, New York. The studies indicated the presence of a variety of contaminants including lead, arsenic, zinc, copper, chromium, PCBs and benzo(a)pyrene. EPA included the site on the NPL on March 15, 2012.

EPA Site objectives

EPA plans on dividing the Creek into two general areas: the Eighteen Mile Creek Corridor, which extends from the Creek's headwaters at the Barge Canal to Harwood Road in Lockport, NY, and the Sediment Study Area, which includes the Creek north of the Corridor to its discharge to Lake Ontario. The site Corridor will be further divided into two discrete actions. The Sediment Study Area will be addressed under a third action.

The first action will address the former Flintkote building and contaminated residential properties located within the Creek Corridor. The second action will address the remediation of creek sediments and soil at several industrial and commercial

Need More Information?

EPA personnel will be happy to answer your questions or add you to our Eighteen Mile Creek site mailing list.

Here are three ways to get what you need:

Call or email:

- Mike Basile, Community Involvement Coordinator at 716-551-4410 or via email to basile.michael@epa.gov.
- Tom Taccone, Remedial Project Manager at 212-637-4281 or via email to taccone.tom@epa.gov

You can also access information about the site at: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/18milecreek>

EPA has established a repository for all documents associated at this site at the following location: Lockport Public Library, 33 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14194

properties in the creek Corridor. The third action will address contaminated sediment in the Creek from Lockport to its discharge to Lake Ontario.

EPA is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to study the Creek Corridor. The study will be designed to determine the nature and extent of contamination and to identify and propose technologies to mitigate threats to human health and the environment. As part of this process, past studies conducted by the NYSDEC of the industrial and commercial properties and of the creek in the Corridor will be used.

By dividing the site response into separate actions, the cleanup process for the residential properties can be expedited. Under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund, EPA will develop a Proposed Plan which explains EPA's preferred alternative for addressing the residential properties and the Flintkote building. Future Proposed Plans will address other areas of contamination at the site.

EPA relies on public input to ensure that the concerns of the community are considered in selecting an effective remedy for each Superfund site. To this end, the Proposed Plan will be made available to the public for a 30-day public comment period. EPA will also hold a formal public meeting to present the proposed plan and to solicit comments from the public. Comments received at the public meeting, as well as written comments, will be documented in a responsiveness summary section of the Record of Decision (ROD), the document that formalizes the selection of the remedy.

Individuals who have questions on EPA's plans for the site can send their inquiries to Thomas Taccone of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, New York, 10007-1866, or by emailing him at taccone.tom@epa.gov.

